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## The secure city: design post-9/11

April 18, 6:00 pm  
Rabb Lecture Hall  
Boston Public Library  
Free and all are welcome  
[architects.org](http://architects.org)

**THE EVENTS OF 9/11** and the continued fear of terrorism have caused the federal government, many cities, and private building owners to rethink issues of public accessibility, open-space design, and perimeter building protection. At the **April 18** edition of the BSA Lecture Series, urban design and planning consultant Susan Silberberg explores how our public realm

is changing in major and minor ways through incremental steps and revolutionary actions. Silberberg poses questions about who makes public space design decisions and she examines the new, public realm of Boston within the larger historical context of the current secure design trend.

Silberberg lectures in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT and, as senior vice president of Community Partners Consultants, she advises public agencies and community organizations on projects related to

urban design and community and economic development. Silberberg recently completed the Waterfront Activation Plan for the Charlestown Navy Yard with the BRA and in 2002 she created the masterplan for the City of Worcester's new Arts District. She holds a master's in city planning from MIT and a bachelor's in architecture from Pratt Institute. ■ CE

*Ed. note: Read the May/June "Fiasco" issue of Architecture Boston to learn more about the built environment's preparedness and security.*



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BSA Housing Committee



## Architects Day on the Hill is May 8

Beacon Hill  
May 8, 10:30 am–2:30 pm  
[architects.org/lac](http://architects.org/lac)  
[architects.org/adh](http://architects.org/adh)

**EVERY ARCHITECT IN MASSACHUSETTS** is urged to reserve **May 8** for our profession's annual public-policy pilgrimage to Beacon Hill.

This unique opportunity enables us to brief our legislators and their aides on a variety of critical planning and design issues that come before the state legislature in 2007. Architects who take the time to let their voices be heard are eligible for continuing education credits (1.5 HSW LUs and 2.5 LUs total).

#### New in 2007

In response to suggestions by past participants, this year's event includes in-depth briefing sessions to arm participants

with detailed information on the key issues we will be bringing to our legislators. This session includes in-depth briefings on the key issues of the day, tips on how to lobby effectively, a presentation by a senior member of the legislature, and plenty of time for questions and answers.

It is critical that architects throughout the state join us to ensure that our voice is heard and that the entire profession is represented—from firm principals to intern architects.

To RSVP for this event or for additional details on the issues, call/write Andrew Baldwin at the BSA at 617-951-1433 x242/  
[abaldwin@architects.org](mailto:abaldwin@architects.org).

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*Russ Feldman AIA, Chair  
Legislative Affairs Committee*

## Now is the time for RDC

Seaport World Trade Center, Boston  
April 4–5  
[rdcboston.com](http://rdcboston.com)

**THE BSA'S THIRD ANNUAL** Residential Design and Construction (RDC) Convention and Tradeshow is happening now, **April 4–5**. While it is too late to sign up online, you can register onsite at the Seaport World Trade Center.

RDC boasts an exhibit hall that showcases more than 250 residential products and services, more than 75 workshops organized by topic, a Design Gallery featuring the winners of several recent design awards programs, and much more. Don't miss out—come to the Seaport World Trade Center and join your peers at this unique event.



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Continuing-education credits, required for all architects registered in Massachusetts, are offered at most BSA events and workshops. Look for the [ ■ CE ] symbol throughout this newsletter for programs that qualify. Visit [architects.org/ce](http://architects.org/ce) for more information. Events described in the ChapterLetter followed by a [ ■ CE/HSW ] designation also qualify for Health, Safety, and Welfare Learning Units.



## Will BIM reshape design education?

The Architects Building  
April 24, 8:00 am

**WILL BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING (BIM)** lead to a new form of integrated architectural education as it leads to more integrated practice?

On **April 24** at 8:00 am, the BSA's BIM roundtable invites several educators to explore the ways in which BIM may transform—or at least inform—design-school curriculums. Participants include Northeastern University dean George Thrush FAIA, Harvard GSD instructor Michael Schroeder of ADD Inc, Boston Architectural College practice component director Len Charney, and invited representatives of MIT, Wentworth, and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

All BSA members and allies are welcome to participate in this and every BIM Roundtable on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am at The Architects Building. To add yourself to the BIM Roundtable mailing list, go to [architects.org/subscribe](http://architects.org/subscribe). ■ CE

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## Immigration attorney joins Alien Architects Roundtable

The Architects Building  
April 10, 6:00 pm

ON **APRIL 10**, attorney Gabriela Krockmalnic joins the Alien Architects Roundtable to address current immigration issues affecting design professionals from other nations.

Krockmalnic, originally from Romania, is an immigration attorney and an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association (AILA). She is a past chair of the New Lawyers' Division of the AILA New England Chapter and a past co-chair of the AILA New England Chapter Liaison to the US Department of Labor's Division of Education and Training.

Krockmalnic has published numerous articles on immigration law, contributed to the "Immigration Primer" published by the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education program (MCLE), and is married to a foreign-born architect. For more information, visit [immigrationlawboston.com/index.jsp](http://immigrationlawboston.com/index.jsp).

Open to all members and nonmembers. RSVP to the BSA at 617-951-1433 x221/  
[bsa@architects.org](mailto:bsa@architects.org). ■ CE

*Leonardi Aray, Assoc. AIA  
Co-chair, Alien Architects  
Roundtable*

*Ed note: On May 3 at 6:00 pm, National Architectural Accrediting Board director Sharon Matthews AIA is the guest at the Alien Architects Roundtable meeting. All are welcome.*

## Run for Architecture for Humanity

Artesani Park, Brighton  
April 22, noon  
[afhb.org](http://afhb.org)  
[michael@afhb.org](mailto:michael@afhb.org)

### WE ENCOURAGE ALL BSA

**MEMBERS AND ALLIES** to join us at Artesani Park in Brighton on **April 22** to participate in the second annual Architecture for Humanity Boston 5K Run/Walk. The event follows the banks of the Charles River and raises funds for Architecture for Humanity, a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations and entry fees are tax-deductible.

Prizes will be awarded for the top finishers in multiple age categories. Refreshments will be provided. Teams comprised of three people from each participating company or organization will compete to wrest the "AFHB Cup" from reigning champions E. Verner Johnson and Associates. Team times will be handicapped to balance out age and gender differences

so that everyone can compete whether plodding principal or intimidating intern.

The Samba Band returns this year to march us to the starting line and cheer us on at the finish line. Last year's event was a great and enjoyable success. We hope to see even more of our friends and colleagues this year.

Note: **April 22** is Earth Day.

If you are interested in setting up an Earth Day event at the start or finish line, write me at [michael@afhb.org](mailto:michael@afhb.org).

Artesani Park is accessible by the #70 and #86 buses. The start is about a 1.5-mile walk from the Harvard Square T stop and there is plenty of free parking at the start/finish in the Artesani Park lot off Soldiers Field Road. For the race registration page, go to [afhb.org](http://afhb.org). With questions, write [michael@afhb.org](mailto:michael@afhb.org).

*Michael McHugh AIA, LEED  
Chair, BSA Task Force to End  
Homelessness*

## Committee news

At the next **WOMEN IN DESIGN NETWORK** conversation, Moshe Cohen of The Negotiating Table describes the art of negotiation. Join us at The Architects Building for this enlightening discussion. Watch Currents and check [architects.org/wid](http://architects.org/wid) for more details. ■ CE

On **April 26**, the **LAB FACILITY DESIGN GROUP** welcomes Karen Krueger DVM, DACLAM, director of animal resources at Children's Hospital, and Tracy Lewis, manager of bioresources for Wyeth Research to the 8:00 am meeting. Krueger and Lewis discuss the good, the bad, and the ugly in facility design/construction from the end-user's perspective. ■ CE

*All BSA committee meetings are free, open to all members and nonmembers, and typically held at The Architects Building, 52 Broad Street.*





## Survey results highlight the difficulty of designing accessible facilities

**SEVERAL MONTHS AGO**, the BSA Access Committee created and administered a 20-question survey to better understand the difficulties associated with accessible design and develop recommendations and resources; some findings are below.

### Demographics

More than 500 people responded to the survey, including architects (80%), developers, contractors, engineers, construction professionals, consultants, landscape architects, facility managers, and people with disabilities. Respondents hailed from firms of various sizes with 50% from firms of fewer than 20 people and 25% from firms of 200 people or more. Most building types were represented though the majority of architects designed institutional, multi-family housing, educational, commercial and retail facilities.

### Ease of compliance

Nearly 50% of respondents indicated that compliance with accessible design standards is "sometimes difficult" and 25% found it "usually or always difficult." Those who found it the most difficult were also less confident that their firms' buildings were actually in compliance, and more than 25% noted having had a building permit or a certificate of occupancy delayed because of accessible design issues.

### Clarity of standards

The survey found that 65% of participants aren't sure which regulation trumps when state and federal standards conflict

while 40% indicated that the scoping section of the state's regulations (521 CMR 3.3) are hard to interpret.

### ADA Title II and Title III

Nearly 30% did not understand the difference between ADA Title II and Title III—a critical distinction for firms doing state and municipal work.

### Allied professionals

Forty percent of respondents indicated they had worked with building owners or inspectors who did not understand or support compliance and access regulations.

### Possible resources

Respondents were given several resources to choose from to help clarify requirements, including:

- Re-read the regulations
- Call the ADA hotline
- Ask a person with a disability

However, participants reported seeking advice most from:

- **Colleagues (77%)**
- **Code consultants (46%)**
- **Accessibility consultants (35%)**
- **Local building inspectors (28%)**

### Least-used resources

- Federal technical assistance
- Access Committee's website ([bsa-access.org](http://bsa-access.org))

### Hot topics in 2007

More than 80% of respondents thought that making the Massachusetts state regulations (521 CMR) "substantially equivalent" to the ADA Standards for Accessible Design (ADAAG) was the highest priority. Additional recommendations included incorporating 521

CMR into the Massachusetts State Building Code, making advisory opinions and variance decisions public, and publishing "lessons learned" from Massachusetts Architectural Access Board cases.

The BSA Access, Codes, and Legislative Affairs Committees are working together to coordinate action that will address the design community's concerns, insights, and priorities in order to facilitate accessible design and construction.

*Katherine McGuinness,  
Assoc. AIA, Chair  
Access Committee*

*Ed. note: The next Access Committee meeting is April 4, 8:30–10:00 am at One Ashburton Place (21st floor). Free and open to all. For access accommodations, write [kate.sutton@state.ma.us](mailto:kate.sutton@state.ma.us). Please RSVP to [bsa@architects.org](mailto:bsa@architects.org).*

## April watercolor workshop with Frank Costantino

*The Architects Building  
April 13–15  
[architects.org/watercolor](http://architects.org/watercolor)*

**APRIL 13–15 MARKS THE FIRST** in the 2007 watercolor workshop series led by watercolorist and architectural illustrator Frank Costantino, Assoc. AIA. This basic/intermediate session covers preparation of palettes, methods of color-mixing, and uses of various brushes. Although participants should have basic drawing skills, some experience with watercolors and architectural design, or a fine art background, instruction will

## What makes a building beautiful?

*The Architects Building  
May 17, 5:30 pm*

**BSA PRESIDENT** Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA's recent BSA lecture at the Boston Public Library on why the public so often despises buildings architects revere has resulted in a variety of requests for a repeat presentation.

On **May 17**, the Urban Design Committee hosts Murray for his extended exploration of what constitutes a beautiful building. Using local examples, Murray examines the frequent divergence in opinion between the public and design professionals and proposes a new framework for dialogue on the quality of urban buildings.

This and all Urban Design Committee meetings are free and open to all members and nonmembers. RSVP to [bsa@architects.org](mailto:bsa@architects.org)/617-951-1433 x221.

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be tailored to individual skill level.

Enrollment is limited and is filled on a first-come/first-served basis. The cost is \$300 for BSA/ASAI members and \$350 for nonmembers. Download a registration form at [architects.org/watercolor](http://architects.org/watercolor). With questions, call/write Jamie Segel at the BSA (617-951-1433 x223/[jsegel@architects.org](mailto:jsegel@architects.org)). ■ CE

*Ed. note: Watch future issues of the ChapterLetter for information on additional watercolor workshops, June 29–July 1 and September 28–30.*





The Genzyme building, designed by Behnisch Architects. Photo: Anton Grassl.

## Stefan Behnisch leads design "conversation"

The Architects Building  
April 11, 7:00–9:00 pm  
Register by April 10, 4:00 pm  
[architects.org/conversations](http://architects.org/conversations)

**IN "CONVERSATIONS ON ARCHITECTURE,"** the annual series of monthly design explorations hosted by Brian Healy AIA, leading architects, landscape architects, planners, designers, and educators gather to discuss the current state of architecture in an informal conversation format.

Our guest provocateur on **April 11** is German architect Stefan Behnisch, a founding partner of Behnisch Architects in Stuttgart. Known widely for his innovative, environmentally sensitive designs, Behnisch's work includes a broad range of projects from single-family homes to vast urban complexes. Behnisch begins this monthly conversation with a discussion of urbanism—how societies develop and how we address

working and living relationships as we conceive of buildings as public spaces. He focuses on projects in Dresden and Pittsburgh as well as Harvard's Allston Science Complex and the Genzyme Center in Kendall Square, which was built on a formerly toxic brownfields site (with local design partner Next Phase Studios).

Open to everyone, but reservations are required. The \$10 fee (\$5 for BSA members and for full-time design students) includes ample food and drink. Space is limited to 30 on a first-come/first-served basis; download a form at [architects.org/reservations](http://architects.org/reservations). ■ **CE/HSW**

*Ed. note: For a complete list of previous guest speakers in this series, go to [architects.org/conversations](http://architects.org/conversations).*

## BSA Job Fair 2007 a huge success

[architects.org/jobfair](http://architects.org/jobfair)  
[architects.org/classifieds](http://architects.org/classifieds)

**IN FEBRUARY**, more than 180 job seekers and 26 architecture firms gathered at Northeastern University for the BSA's inaugural Job Fair. The firm marketplace, located in the Raytheon Amphitheater, was filled with job seekers and employers for more than four hours, extending well beyond the event's scheduled conclusion.

Architecture students, interns, architects, and other design professionals were given the opportunity to meet person-

ally with representatives of Massachusetts firms. Attendees also participated in free workshops—led by local architects, recruiters, and building industry experts—on interviewing and presentation skills, preparing a portfolio, fulfilling IDP requirements, and living and working in Boston.

Job seekers who missed the Job Fair and attendees looking for additional resources can find a wealth of information at [architects.org/jobfair](http://architects.org/jobfair). The site features the BSA Career Survey, references to firms seeking new employees and interns, and

links to employment and career development resources.

The BSA Job Fair, now to be an annual event, was the result of an initiative by the BSA's Membership Committee and Northeastern's architecture department.

Andrew Baldwin,  
Program Manager  
BSA Job Fair 2007

*Ed note: For employment opportunities and year-round career resources, check out the BSA's Building Industry Classified at [architects.org/classifieds](http://architects.org/classifieds).*

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## Residential Design Committee covers green design trends

The Architects Building  
April 17, 8:00–9:30 am

**THE APRIL 17 RESIDENTIAL DESIGN COMMITTEE** meeting is a roundtable discussion on state-of-the-art green design of one- and two-family residences. Architects, contractors, and others involved with green residential projects are invited to share their experiences on what clients are looking for and what local communities require. The discussion also touches

on the competing certification systems, what each means, and whether or not we should care. Free and open to all members and nonmembers. Write [tdowner@downerassociates.com](mailto:tdowner@downerassociates.com) or [fshirley@frankshirleyarchitects.com](mailto:fshirley@frankshirleyarchitects.com) for more information. ■ **CE/HSW**

*Tom Downer AIA and Frank Shirley AIA, Co-chairs, Residential Design Committee*

## BSA/SCUP explores Wellesley's west campus

Wang Campus Center,  
Wellesley College  
April 30, 7:30

**THE BSA/SCUP COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ROUNDTABLE** meets April 30 at Tishman Commons on the lower level of the Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center at Wellesley College. A building tour follows the roundtable discussion on creating community spaces: tools for succeeding in the design of "un-owned" space.

Vice president of administration and planning for Wellesley College Patricia Byrne; TH'Arch principal and visiting lecturer at Georgia Institute of Technology College of Architecture Tim Harrison; and Fidelity Real Estate Company project manager Laura Keenan lead the dis-

cussion on the process involved in the designing of the "west campus," a new community at Wellesley College. Harrison served as senior project architect with Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects on the west campus project and Keenan served as project manager with Genesis Planners on behalf of Wellesley College.

The lively conversation also touches on how to help your campus meet the demands of academia; how to create a new community within a college campus steeped in traditions; how to address the challenges of designing for multiple users; who will inhabit "un-owned" space; and the benefits of a collaborative design process.

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## Project Handbook guides homeowners to architects

[architects.org/  
project\\_handbook](http://architects.org/project_handbook)

**THE 2007 EDITION** of the BSA's popular *Homeowner's Project Handbook* is now hitting the streets (and the internet). This special publication lists AIA members in Massachusetts who do residential and small commercial project work. The *Handbook* also includes information on selecting an architect, budgeting for a project, understanding the value of an architect, and a detailed guide to the entire design and construction process.

In addition to the hardcopy, the *Handbook* is also available as a searchable online directory at [architects.org/project\\_handbook](http://architects.org/project_handbook). Prospective clients can find architects by name, keyword, or contact information, such as city or zip code.

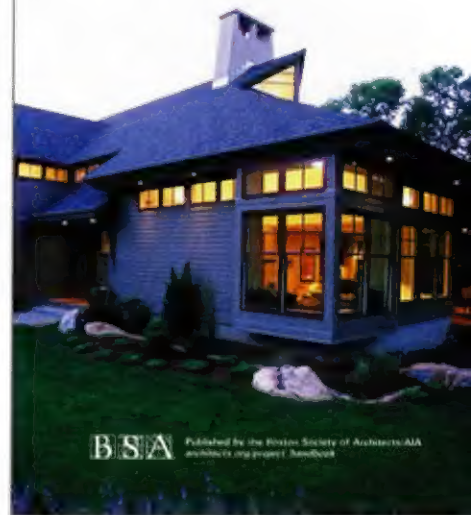
### New for 2007

For the first time, the 2007 directory includes professionals who are Associate AIA members of the BSA. There are separate sections for licensed and unlicensed practitioners as well as a description of the distinctions between the two and the services that each can provide. This new edition of the *Homeowner's Project Handbook* also includes full-color advertisements featuring project photographs.

### Homeowner's Project Handbook

A guide to Massachusetts architects for homeowners and small-business owners

2007 Edition



*Homeowner's Project Handbook, featuring the Byrnes Residence, designed by Eck | MacNeely Architects. Photo: Anton Grassl.*

For a free hardcopy of this marketing tool and guide, call/write the BSA at 617-951-1433 x221/[bsa@architects.org](mailto:bsa@architects.org). If you are an AIA member in Massachusetts who is interested in being included but missed the print deadline, call/write me now at 617-951-1433 x242/[abaldwin@architects.org](mailto:abaldwin@architects.org) to secure a spot online at a prorated rate.

*Andrew Baldwin, Editor  
Homeowner's Project Handbook*



## Committee chairs gathered at February meeting

**OVER 25 BSA COMMITTEE CHAIRS** attended the February 2 Membership Committee meeting. This unique summit set the stage for what promises to be an unusually vigorous and edifying ideas exchange between energetic leaders. The discussion was enriched by:

- Katie McGuinness, Assoc. AIA  
*Access Committee*
- Jennifer Campbell, Assoc. AIA  
*Academy of Architecture for Justice (AAJ)*
- Greg Conyngham AIA  
*BIM Roundtable*
- Donna Denio and Debi McDonald AIA  
*BSA/SCUP College & University Roundtable and Women in Design Network*
- Richard Keleher AIA  
*Building Enclosure Council*
- Vernon Woodworth AIA  
*Codes Committee*
- Philip Schuler AIA  
*Construction Administration Roundtable*
- John Miller FAIA  
*Educational Facilities Committee*
- Tony Tappé FAIA  
*Fellows Committee*
- Sara Wermiel  
*Historic Resources Committee*
- David Kelman and St. John Smith AIA  
*Housing Committee*
- Rose Fiore, Assoc. AIA and Sue Metzinger  
*Administration & HR Wizards*
- Sarah Gibson  
*Indoor Air Quality Committee*

- Jonathan Taylor, Assoc. AIA  
*Intern Development Program (IDP)*
- Estelle Jackson, Assoc. AIA  
*International Committee*
- Bruce Harrington  
*IT Wizards*
- Russel Feldman AIA  
*Legislative Affairs Committee*
- Alisa Kahn Ridruejo  
*Marketing/PR Wizards*
- Mark Kalin FAIA  
*MetroWest Committee*
- Frank Shirley AIA  
*Residential Design Committee*
- Bill Whitlock AIA  
*Small Firms Committee*
- Michael McHugh AIA, LEED  
*Task Force to End Homelessness*
- Pete Smith, Assoc. AIA  
*Urban Design Committee*
- Polly Carpenter AIA  
*YouthVisions Committee*
- David Grissino, Assoc. AIA (co-chair), Emily Grandstaff-Rice AIA (co-chair), Lori Cowles AIA, Wendy Dalwin, Jeff DeGregorio AIA, Steve Imrich AIA, Leslie Saul AIA  
*Membership Committee*
- Kate Miller  
*BSA Membership Director*

Due to the overwhelming response to this successful gathering, the Membership Committee is hoping to facilitate further cross-committee collaboration and idea-sharing in the future.

*Emily Grandstaff-Rice AIA  
Co-chair, Membership Committee*

## 2007 Building Code Workshop Series

The Architects Building  
[architects.org/codes](http://architects.org/codes)

### THE BSA'S 2007 CODES

**WORKSHOP SERIES** focusing on building code essentials begins this month. Workshops—led by Codes Committee chair Vernon Woodworth AIA and his colleagues from the Sullivan Codes Group—cover codes for accessibility, fire safety and energy conservation, and more.

All workshops take place 8:00–10:00 am (2 HSW LUs/CE credits) at The Architects Building with the exception of the final full-day session, which provides 8 HSW LUs/CE credits. The fee for each 2-hour workshop is \$65 (\$40 for BSA/AIA members) and \$110 (\$75 for BSA/AIA members) for the full-day July 30 workshop led by Jerry R. Tepe FAIA. To register, visit [architects.org/codes](http://architects.org/codes) or call/write 617-951-1433 x221/[bsa@architects.org](mailto:bsa@architects.org).

### WORKSHOP DATES AND TOPICS

**April 30:** Building Code Essentials, Part 1  
Vernon Woodworth AIA, Derrick J. Morse  
Registration deadline: April 25 ■ **CE/HSW**

**May 7:** Building Code Essentials, Part 2  
Jay A. Ierardi Ph.D., Derrick J. Morse  
Registration deadline: May 2 ■ **CE/HSW**

**June 4:** Code Requirements for Existing Buildings  
Vernon Woodworth AIA, Derrick J. Morse  
Registration deadline: May 31 ■ **CE/HSW**

**June 18:** Accessibility  
Kevin S. Hastings, Doug Anderson  
Registration deadline: June 13 ■ **CE/HSW**

**July 2:** Energy Conservation Requirements  
Vernon Woodworth AIA, Doug Anderson  
Registration deadline: June 27 ■ **CE/HSW**

**July 19:** Fire Protection  
Edwin Kotak, Jay A. Ierardi Ph.D.  
Registration deadline: July 13 ■ **CE/HSW**

**July 30:** The International Building Code  
10:00 am–4:00 pm, lunch included  
■ **CE/HSW**

**April is National Landscape Architecture Month**, according to The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); ASLA chapters



across the country are celebrating with public outreach activities. This year's theme, "Discover Careers in Landscape Architecture," highlights Earth Day (April 22) and the birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted (April 26), founder of the American landscape architecture profession. For more information, visit [asla.org](http://asla.org) or [bslaweb.org](http://bslaweb.org).





## 2007 AIA National Convention in Texas

San Antonio

May 3-5

[aiaconvention.com](http://aiaconvention.com)

**THE AIA 2007 NATIONAL CONVENTION AND DESIGN EXPOSITION** is **May 3-5** in San Antonio. This year's theme, Growing Beyond Green, explores high-performance design and illuminates the effort to reduce the built environment's energy footprint. The event offers more than 250 learning opportunities, an exhibit hall of 800 leading-edge products and services, 60 tours, and endless peer networking opportunities.

**New England celebrates** Don't miss the special reception on **May 5** hosted by the

BSA, AIA New England, AIA Connecticut, the BAC, Harvard GSD, MIT and Wentworth.

Mingle with colleagues, alumni and the recipients of national awards including AIA Jefferson Award winner David Dixon FAIA and architects elected this year to the College of Fellows, including local heroes Lawrence A. Chan FAIA, Wagdy Anis FAIA and Randy Jones FAIA, AICP. The party is at 5:30 pm on **May 5** at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio. There is no charge and everyone is invited to this informal, festive gathering. ■ **CE**

Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA  
President

**In February, the AIA released its list of American's 150 favorite buildings.** The poll, conducted in conjunction with the AIA's commemoration of its 150th anniversary, presented a pre-selected list of 248 structures in numerous categories to nearly 2,000 randomly selected Americans. Although the Empire State Building was ranked first, eight Boston area buildings made the top 150, including: Trinity Church (25), Crane Library in Quincy (43), Ames Library in North Easton (58), Faneuil Hall Marketplace (64), Sever Hall at Harvard University (77), Boston Public Library (90), Fenway Park (113), and John Hancock Tower (142). H.H. Richardson had the most projects in the top 100 with six.

## Common Boston plans June architecture festival

June 8-10

[commonboston.org](http://commonboston.org)

**COMMON BOSTON**, an AIA 150 initiative supported by the BSA, is preparing for Common Boston 07, a citywide architecture and design festival, **June 8-10, 2007**. As part of the AIA's 150th anniversary, Common Boston is organizing a series of public events, community tours, discussions, and "open buildings" focusing on the city's architecture and how it relates to the community as a whole.

Common Boston's mission is to engage residents and community members in the built environment, especially walk-able areas throughout the city. Common Boston is seeking volunteers to help during the three-day festival, sponsorship/charitable contributions, and suggestions for programming.

For more information, visit [commonboston.org](http://commonboston.org) or write [info@commonboston.org](mailto:info@commonboston.org).

## Seminars cover construction and codes

[lorman.com](http://lorman.com)

**UPCOMING SEMINARS** and teleconference sponsored by the BSA and Lorman Education Services (a national provider of professional-development opportunities) include:

### TELECONFERENCES

**April 11:** CPM Scheduling  
Seminar ID: 375110

**April 19:** Noise Control for Condominium and Multi-Family Dwellings  
Seminar ID: 375078

**April 20:** Basic Principles of Construction Insurance  
Seminar ID: 375108

**April 23:** Arbitration in Construction Contracts  
Seminar ID: 374554

**April 27:** AIA Contracts: The Architects Agreement with the Owner  
Seminar ID: 375107

### SEMINAR

**April 17:** Building Codes, Dedham  
Seminar ID: 368291

For information and to register, go to [lorman.com](http://lorman.com) and enter the Seminar ID or call 866-352-9539. Be sure to cite the BSA **priority code 16903** to enjoy a registration fee discount available to all members and nonmembers. For more information on the BSA/Lorman collaboration, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433 x232/ [rfitzgerald@architects.org](mailto:rfitzgerald@architects.org). ■ **CE**



# Spring/Summer Workshop Series begins this month

[architects.org/springsummer](http://architects.org/springsummer)

**THE 2007 BSA SPRING/SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES** begins this month and runs through the summer. All workshops offer Learning Units for AIA members (many, HSW) and Massachusetts state continuing-education credits. Advance registration is required for these BSA-sponsored workshops; deadlines are noted. For more information and to register, go to [architects.org/springsummer](http://architects.org/springsummer). All workshops are held at The Architects Building, 52 Broad Street in Boston.

## April 9, 8:30–10:30 am

ADA and Mass. Architectural Access Board Regulations: Untangling the Confusion  
*Kathy Gips, New England ADA Center; Deborah Ryan Esq., Deborah A. Ryan & Associates*  
Registration deadline: **April 3**  
■ CE/HSW (2 CREDITS)

## May 2, 8:00 am–12:00 pm

Advanced Buildings  
*Fran Boucher, Advanced Buildings Program, National Grid*  
Registration deadline: **April 27**  
■ CE/HSW (4 CREDITS)

## June 6, 8:30–10:30 am

Green/LEED Specifications  
*Mark Kalin FAIA FCSI, LEED, Kalin Associates*  
Registration deadline: **June 1**  
■ CE/HSW (2 CREDITS)

## June 22, 8:30–10:30 am

Designer Led Design/Build: The Future or a Curse?  
*Moderator: Don Klema AIA, DiMella Shaffer; panelists: Eugene Torone, S/L/A/M Collaborative; Max Jordan, executive director, Fluor Enterprises; Jim Wakely, executive vice president, Cutler Design Build Associates*  
Registration deadline: **June 18**  
■ CE (2 CREDITS)

## July 16, 8:30–10:30 am

No More Drama: Building Better Community Meetings (Co-sponsored by Community Design Resource Center – Boston)  
*Don Meglio, professional mediator; Mary Skelton Roberts, senior mediator, Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution*  
Registration deadline: **July 11**  
■ CE (2 CREDITS)

## July 27, 9:00–11:30 am

Fundamentals of Specification Writing  
*Mark Kalin FAIA, FCSI, LEED, Kalin Associates*  
Registration deadline: **July 23**  
■ CE/HSW (3 CREDITS)

## July 27, 1:00–4:00 pm

Advanced Specification Writing Techniques  
*Mark Kalin FAIA, FCSI, LEED, Kalin Associates*  
Registration deadline: **July 23**  
■ CE/HSW (3 CREDITS)

## August 1, 8:30 am–4:30 pm

(lunch provided)  
Super-Insulated Homes  
*Mark Rosenbaum PE, Energysmiths*  
Registration deadline: **July 27**  
■ CE/HSW (8 CREDITS)

## August 13, 8:30 am–4:30 pm

(lunch provided)  
Life Cycle Costing for Green Buildings  
*Robert Charette PE, CVS*  
Registration deadline: **August 8**  
■ CE/HSW (8 CREDITS)

## August 16, 8:30 am–10:30 pm

Fair Housing Act and Mass. Architectural Access Board  
*Kathy Gips, New England ADA Center; Deborah Ryan Esq., Deborah A. Ryan & Associates*  
Registration deadline: **August 10**  
■ CE (2 CREDITS)

## New members and new architects are celebrated

The Architects Building  
April 12, 6:00 pm  
RSVP by: April 11, noon

**ON APRIL 12**, BSA president Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA hosts the annual reception for new BSA members and for all architecture professionals (members and nonmembers) who have recently earned their architecture licenses.

There is no charge for this event but reservations are required. RSVP to the BSA at 617-951-1433 x221/[bsa@architects.org](mailto:bsa@architects.org) by noon on **April 11**.

## BSA Golf Tournament returns to Pinehills

Pinehills Golf Club  
June 4, 10:00 am  
[architects.org/golf](http://architects.org/golf)

**ON MONDAY, JUNE 4**, the 20th annual BSA Golf Tournament takes place at the Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth. Pinehills, comprised of two 18-hole championship golf courses designed by Rees Jones and Nicklaus Design, has been such a popular setting that the BSA intends to return for years to come.

Once again, we are offering two formats—a four-person scramble on the Nicklaus

course and four-person best-ball event on the Jones course.

Registration begins at 10:00 am with chipping and driving contests. The shotgun start is at 11:15 am and the day includes use of the practice range, a box lunch, all golf fees and carts, and an end-of-the-day awards ceremony and barbeque.

Now is the time for players and sponsors to register; call/write Jamie Segel at the BSA at 617-951-1433 x223/[jsegel@architects.org](mailto:jsegel@architects.org). Tournament proceeds support BSA educational programs designed to elevate

public awareness of design and construction.

*Kurt Rockstroh AIA, Founder/Chair, BSA Golf Tournament*





## The Architects Building: under construction and open for business

**MARGULIES & ASSOCIATES, STERN MCCAFFERTY, AND COMMODORE BUILDERS** are doing a job on The Architects Building.

Construction began this month on the significant redesign of the street-level lobby and third floor of The Architects Building. The intent is to transform the lobby into a media-rich public space and to convert the third floor into a second, fully-functional conference room for

BSA members and allies whose networks keep growing in content depth and numbers.

Margulies & Associates, led by Dan Perruzzi AIA and Tim Synan, is incorporating a range of new elements into the third floor. This space must accommodate multiple uses within a small footprint. In addition to meeting space, the third floor must provide entrance and egress for multiple staff offices, a kitchen, and lavatory.

Stern McCafferty, led by David Stern AIA, is transforming the street-level lobby, integrating the space more intimately with FlatBlack, the coffee café tenant that shares the ground-level of the building. Warm modern materials, electronic and tactile introductions to the BSA and Boston architecture, and most importantly, great design will welcome our members and visitors.

The Commodore Builders

team, led by Rich Simmons, Mark Price, Gary Abbott, James Thomson, and Steve Georgopoulos, has recommended materials and systems to meet the BSA's sustainability requirements.

For more information on this project, write BSA project manager Kate Miller at [kmiller@architects.org](mailto:kmiller@architects.org).

*Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA, President*

### Leers Weinzapfel Associates gives thanks

**IN FEBRUARY**, Leers Weinzapfel Associates attended the 18th Annual Accent on Architecture Gala in Washington to accept the 2007 AIA Firm Award. The firm would like to thank its supporters in the architectural community and the many people that sent notes of congratulations. Firm principal Jane Weinzapfel FAIA notes, "We know that our work depends enormously on the creative collaboration with our many consultants and we thank them very much. We are also grateful for many fine contractors whose commitment to realizing our vision in craft and execution is essential. We want to recognize that we share this award with all the people with whom we have worked over the years."

### Members and allies provide \$11,000 to support BSA/BFA programming

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS** of over \$11,000 from BSA members and allies throughout the building industry and beyond continue to enrich public-education programs and related initiatives administered by the BSA and the Boston Foundation for Architecture (BFA).

Peter Tsokanis AIA of Brockton, Malcolm Smiley AIA of Sterling, Daniel Guenther of Property and Portfolio Research of Boston, and architect Leslie Moore AIA of Essex recently provided generous support to BSA public-education programs.

In addition, an anonymous gift of \$5,000, a gift of \$3,000 from HMFH Architects of Cambridge, and a gift from former BAC president Bernie Spring FAIA were among last month's donations designated to support BFA public-education programs. These gifts were supplemented by generous contributions from these members and allies:

- Edward Allen FAIA  
*South Natick*
- Robert Anderson AIA  
*North Chelmsford*

- Leonardi Aray, Assoc. AIA  
*Cambridge*
- Robert Brandon AIA  
*Cambridge*
- John Campbell AIA  
*Rockport*
- Antonio Di Mambro FAIA  
*Boston*
- Bernie Feldstein AIA  
*Newton*
- William Finnerty AIA  
*Charlestown*
- Rick Heym AIA  
*Newton*
- Ernie Kirwan AIA  
*Cambridge*
- Ted Landsmark, Assoc. AIA  
*Boston*
- Miller Malcolm  
*Windham*
- Benjamin Nutter AIA  
*Topsfield*
- Dan Perruzzi AIA  
*East Weymouth*
- Bob Sturgis FAIA  
*Weston*

- Tony Tappé FAIA  
*Boston*
- Stephen Wessling AIA  
*Quincy*

As we have frequently noted, both the BSA and the BFA benefit year after year from the extraordinary generosity and commitment of architects and our allies throughout the industry who invest in the programs that help us elevate public understanding and appreciation of planning, design, construction, and the contributions our industry makes to our culture.

For more information on BSA and BFA public-awareness programming and how to support it, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433 x232/ [rfitzgerald@architects.org](mailto:rfitzgerald@architects.org).

*Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA, BSA President  
Peter Kuttner FAIA, BFA Chairman*

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for Architecture**



## Do you want to lead?

**THE BSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has prepared a slate of candidates for this year's election of new members of the BSA board of directors and of the BSA's four elective committees: Ethics, Honors & Awards, Membership, and Nominating. The full slate—which includes at least two candidates for each open seat—will be published in the ballot mailed to all members in the fall.

If you are interested in running for BSA office this year and

have not been nominated by the Committee, it is not too late. You may put yourself (or anyone else who is eligible) on the ballot by filing a simple petition with the signatures of seven or more current BSA members. For more information, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433 x232/[rfitzgerald@architects.org](mailto:rfitzgerald@architects.org).

*Jay Wickersham Esq., FAIA  
Secretary*

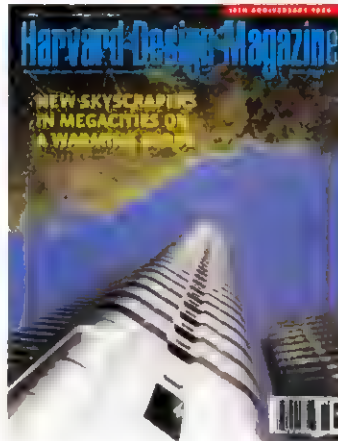
## BSA allies honored

[gsd.harvard.edu/hdm](http://gsd.harvard.edu/hdm)  
[publicarchitecture.org](http://publicarchitecture.org)

**THIS YEAR**, the AIA honors *Harvard Design* magazine and Public Architecture.

*Harvard Design*, under the nonpareil leadership of GSD assistant dean Bill Saunders, is the school's trenchant and timely exploration of architecture. Published three times each year, *Harvard Design* is loaded with provocative essays by our era's design thinkers.

Public Architecture, the young California-based nonprofit organization that advocates the sophisticated and intentional allocation of design resources to serve the public interest, was founded by San Francisco architect John Peterson AIA, currently a Loeb Fellow at Harvard. Public Architecture is managed by



erstwhile ArchVoices pioneer John Cary, Assoc. AIA. The BSA has provided financial support to Public Architecture.

Both *Harvard Design* and Public Architecture are being honored next month in San Antonio during the national AIA Convention (see story on page 8).

## Prominent local architects elected to AIA College of Fellows

### BOSTON-AREA ARCHITECTS

Wagdy Anis FAIA, Lawrence A. Chan FAIA, and Randy Jones FAIA, AICP are among 76 American architects elected this year to the AIA College of Fellows. This most prestigious of professional honors recognizes extraordinary contributions in design, practice, and/or service to the profession, the industry and the communities we serve.

Anis, Chan, and Jones will be honored at the AIA Convention in San Antonio next month. The BSA, AIA New England, the BAC, GSD, MIT, Northeastern, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and Wentworth host a joint reception to honor these and other local heroes at 5:30 on **May 5** during the festivities in San Antonio. All are invited to join us for this informal revelry; there is no charge.

*Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA,  
President*



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Wagdy Anis FAIA  
Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott



PHOTO BY JEREMY MUNN

Lawrence A. Chan FAIA  
Chan Krieger Sieniewicz



Randy Jones FAIA, AICP  
The Jones Payne Group





## K-12 design program receives national grant and award

[architects.org/lbd](http://architects.org/lbd)

**THE BSA HAS RECEIVED** an American Architecture Foundation grant to sup-

port Learning By Design in Massachusetts, our K-12 educational program. This statewide program, administered by master teachers

Jan Ham of Franklin, Polly Carpenter AIA of Cambridge, and Erika Zekos, Assoc. AIA of Amherst, integrates design into Massachusetts' K-12 curricu-

lums through training programs for teachers and direct in-school programming for students at all grade levels.

Funded nationally by CNA Insurance Companies and Victor O. Schinnerer & Company, this grant program has benefited public-education programs for many years. This year, in addition to the grant received by the BSA, LBD has been honored with a National AIA Best Practices Award of Merit to underscore the effectiveness of our master teachers and their program design and administration.

Scores of Massachusetts architects and allies have participated in this program as volunteer teachers, in-school wizards, and in other capacities. For more information on this initiative and how you can participate, write [lbd@architects.org](mailto:lbd@architects.org) or visit [architects.org/lbd](http://architects.org/lbd).

*Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA, President*

## You've got mail...really

**OCCASIONALLY THE BSA STAFF** hears from members that they are no longer receiving email notices including Currents, the BSA's weekly electronic newsletter focusing on coming events. In some cases, automated spam filters can mistakenly flag BSA notices as unwanted spam and delete them or send them to a junk mail folder. Be sure to check your junk/spam mail folders often and talk to your email administrator about adding [architects.org](http://architects.org) as a trusted sender.

In other cases, our contact database can be out of date and we need your correct information to make sure you stay up to date on BSA events. If you

are having a problem receiving BSA notices, contact me at [ajacobi@architects.org](mailto:ajacobi@architects.org).

If you are a reader who does not know what Currents is or does not receive it, go to [architects.org/subscribe](http://architects.org/subscribe) and add yourself to the BSA Currents mailing list. There is no charge and Currents is available to anyone else interested in BSA programs, services and events and related industry-related news.

*Adam Jacobi  
Web Technologies Manager*

*Ed note: With questions on or submissions to Currents, write editor Melissa Salce at [msalce@architects.org](mailto:msalce@architects.org).*

## What are we getting for our dues?

**EACH MONTH** the ChapterLetter highlights one useful program or service that our BSA dues help underwrite.

This month we draw special attention to five unique BSA networks led by and designed for colleagues in our firms who are not design professionals. These are the networks for the wizards who manage our firm finances, IT systems, marketing and public relations initiatives, administrative and human

resources operations, and design libraries. These five professional networks meet monthly at the BSA to share information, explore new technologies, and otherwise ensure that our firms remain firm (see the story on p. 12). This is one more example of ways in which our dues are used to strengthen our practices.

*Jim Dunn, CPA, Assoc. AIA  
BSA Treasurer*



## Call on your local wizard

[architects.org/committees](http://architects.org/committees)

**EVERY MONTH**, design-firm professionals who are not architects gather independently at the BSA to share information and enrich their networks with practice- and education-related conversations.

### Finance Wizards

Second Tuesday of each month at noon

Professionals managing design-firm finances gather monthly to share information and solutions to management issues, tools, and problems. For more information, call/write Peter Lambert (617-367-3970 x253/[plambert@faiarchitects.com](mailto:plambert@faiarchitects.com)).

### IT Wizards

Second Wednesday of each month at noon

IT developers and managers gather monthly to share information on new technologies and other data-based issues. For more information, call/write Bruce Harrington (617-527-0908/[bharrington@margulies.com](mailto:bharrington@margulies.com)).

### Marketing/PR Wizards

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am

Architecture-firm marketing and public relations managers/directors meet to discuss opportunities to promote the work of the Massachusetts architectural community. For more information, call/write

Alisa Kahn Ridruejo (617-547-0764/[akahn@arcusa.com](mailto:akahn@arcusa.com)) or Anne Johnson (617-542-1025/[ajohnson@bergmeyer.com](mailto:ajohnson@bergmeyer.com)).

### Administration & Human Resources Wizards

Fourth Tuesday of each month at noon

Design-firm administrators and other professionals with human resources and office management responsibilities meet monthly at the BSA to exchange information on a broad range of design-firm management issues. For more information, call/write Rose Fiore, Assoc. AIA (617-367-3970/[rfiore@faiarchitects.com](mailto:rfiore@faiarchitects.com)) or Sue Metzinger (617-542-1025/[sue@bos.bergmeyer.com](mailto:sue@bos.bergmeyer.com)).

### Design Library Wizards

Fourth Thursday of odd months at noon

This group of design-firm and design-school librarians gathers to share information on digital and hardcopy project archives, cataloguing and caring for images, materials samples, and other resource materials. For more information, call/write Jane Lewis (617-923-7207/[jlewis@sasaki.com](mailto:jlewis@sasaki.com)).

**The US Access Board's Courthouse Access Advisory Committee has issued its final report and recommendations entitled "Justice for All: Designing Accessible Courthouses."** BSA Access Committee chair Katherine McGuinness, Assoc. AIA participated in this committee, whose report recommends design solutions to meet minimum ABAAG and ADAAG standards, best practices for accessible courthouses, better strategies for disseminating this information, and stronger community outreach. To review the free report, go to [access-board.gov/caac/report.htm](http://access-board.gov/caac/report.htm).

## Increase your online visibility

[architects.org/directories](http://architects.org/directories)

**THE BSA WEBSITE** includes interactive design-firm listings. The online listing format is an excellent resource for clients as well as for others seeking information about BSA firms.

AIA firms and sole practitioners in Massachusetts are encouraged to visit your profile in the directory of "AIA Architecture Firms in Massachusetts"

([architects.org/directories](http://architects.org/directories)) and verify that the information is up to date. The directory is easy for

firm administrators to edit and keep firm information current.

If you have questions or have misplaced your log-in information, call/write 617-951-1433 x234/[ajacobi@architects.org](mailto:ajacobi@architects.org).

In addition to the AIA firm directory, the website includes a directory of Corporate Affiliate members, a directory of firms that do residential and small-commercial design, a BSA membership directory, and a directory of AIA chapters.

Adam Jacobi, Web Technologies and Operations Manager

## Looking for summer interns?

[architects.org/classifieds](http://architects.org/classifieds)

**DID YOU KNOW** that the BSA's Building Industry Classified includes a free category for interns which is available year-round? If you are interested in hiring a high-school or college intern for the summer, visit [architects.org/classifieds](http://architects.org/classifieds) and select "post a classified."

The Building Industry Classified also features a resume bank with a category specifically for individuals seeking paid summer internship experiences with New England design firms.

With questions, call/write me at me at 617-951-1433 x242/[classified@architects.org](mailto:classified@architects.org).

Andrew Baldwin, Manager  
BSA Building Industry Classified



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MIT Stata Center (detail),  
Cambridge, designed by Gehry Partners  
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# Monday

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8:00 am AB Editorial Board  
6:00 pm VectorWorks Users Group

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8:00 am ADA/MAAB Regulations workshop (see page 9)  
6:00 pm International Committee

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All meetings are held in  
**The Architects Building**  
52 Broad Street, Boston  
unless otherwise noted

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8:30 am Pro Bono Committee  
\*Noon Indoor Air Quality Committee  
4:30 pm Building Enclosure Council

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7:30 am BSA/SCUP College & University Roundtable (see page 6)  
8:00 am Building Code Essentials Workshop, part 1 (see page 7)

# Tuesday

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8:00 am SketchUp Users Group

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8:30 am Legislative Affairs Committee  
\*Noon Finance Wizards  
6:00 pm Alien Architects Roundtable (see page 3)  
6:00 pm Annual Fellows Dinner

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8:00 am Residential Design Committee

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8:00 am BIM Roundtable  
\*Noon Administrative & HR Wizards  
6:00 pm DataCAD Boston Users Group (DBUG) (location TBD)

# Wednesday

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## Residential Design and Construction

(see page 2)

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8:00 am Committee on the Environment (COTE)  
\*Noon Rotch Committee  
\*Noon IT Wizards  
7:00 pm Conversations on Architecture (see page 5)

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8:30 am Codes Committee  
5:15 pm Healthcare Facilities  
6:00 pm BSA Lecture Series (see page 1)

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8:00 am Marketing/PR Wizards  
\*Noon Access Committee

# Thursday

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8:00 am Historic Resources Committee  
10:30 am Executive Committee  
\*Noon BSA Board  
4:30 pm Membership Committee  
6:00 pm New Members and Newly Registered Architects Reception (see page 9)

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5:30 pm Urban Design Committee  
6:30 pm Black Architects Forum (email@aia.com for location)

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8:00 am Lab Facilities Design Committee (see page 3)  
\*Noon AIA NE board meeting  
6:00 pm Small Firms Committee

# Friday

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If you are interested in submitting a photograph for the 2004 AIA Award for Architecture, please contact:

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8:00 am Construction Administration Roundtable  
10:00 am Watercolor workshop (see page 4)

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8:30 am Housing Committee (see page 28)

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12:00 noon Run for Architecture for Humanity (see page 3)

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\*Lunch Meetings!  
RSVP by 9:30 am on the day of the meeting to reserve a table.  
Call 617-662-1433 x221  
800-662-1235 x221  
or [bsa@architects.org](mailto:bsa@architects.org)

**Find your way online:** You can search for your next committee meeting, the latest news, and Fame on the BSA's award-winning website: [architects.org](http://architects.org).

**BSA committee/network meetings** and other events provide all architects, members and nonmembers, with Massachusetts continuing education credits required for licensure; AIA members also receive AIA Learning Units. All are welcome.

Boston Society of Architects/AIA  
[architects.org](http://architects.org)







## Green incentives for green building

[epa.gov/greenbuilding](http://epa.gov/greenbuilding)  
[smartcommunities.ncat.org](http://smartcommunities.ncat.org)  
[greencommunitiesonline.org](http://greencommunitiesonline.org)  
[www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)  
[dsireusa.org](http://dsireusa.org)

### FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

**FOR GOING GREEN?** The US Environmental Protection Agency has created a website with links to national, state, and local funding (including grants,

tax-credits, loans, etc.) sources for consumers, government, industry and non-profit organizations ([epa.gov/greenbuilding/tools/funding.htm](http://epa.gov/greenbuilding/tools/funding.htm)).

A few examples of the resources available include:

- The Smart Communities Network, which lists public and private sources for grants and other funding opportunities for sustainable design-

related research and building projects. ([smartcommunities.ncat.org/management/financ1.shtml](http://smartcommunities.ncat.org/management/financ1.shtml))

- Massachusetts Green Communities is a new collaboration that provides incentives to encourage developers to build green affordable housing across the state. Massachusetts Green Communities is part of a national effort to transform

the way people think about, locate, and design affordable housing.

([greencommunitiesonline.org/Massachusetts](http://greencommunitiesonline.org/Massachusetts))

- The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) offers financial assistance opportunities for the development and demonstration of renewable energy and energy-efficiency technologies for government, consumers, industry and nonprofits. ([www1.eere.energy.gov/financing](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/financing))
- The Interstate Renewable Energy Council's Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy (DSIRE) lists information on state, local, utility, and selected federal incentives that promote renewable energy. ([dsireusa.org](http://dsireusa.org))

*Ed. note: If you are interested in green building, join the next Committee on the Environment (COTE) meeting on April 11 and visit [architects.org/cote](http://architects.org/cote).*

## Competitions/ Awards/Grants

**AIA National Awards and AIA Honors and Awards:** various deadlines, [aia.org/awards](http://aia.org/awards) for details.

**EDRA Places Awards.** annual award recognizes good places; awards in planning, design, and design research [edra.org/awards/places.shtml](http://edra.org/awards/places.shtml).

**Grants for environmental activists:** seasonal deadlines; N.E. Grassroots Environment Fund 802-223-4622/[info@grassrootsfund.org](mailto:info@grassrootsfund.org).

**Graham Fellowship in Design:** post-grad fellowship at the NEA, Kristina Alg at 202-682-5078, or [arts.endow.gov/learn/jobs/jobsmenu.html](http://arts.endow.gov/learn/jobs/jobsmenu.html)

**Lyceum Fellowship for architecture students:** [lyceum-fellowship.org](http://lyceum-fellowship.org)

**George B. Henderson Foundation** award: April 15 deadline; call Brenda Taylor at 617-239-0556

**Black female architecture scholars and other professional women:** grants/fellowships of \$2K–\$50K for black female scholars pursuing degrees in architecture and other professions, [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and click on "fellowships."

**"Green" grants:** Deutsche Bank Environmental Grants for nonprofits tackling urban revitalization/sustainability issues, rolling deadline, [cib.db.com/community](http://cib.db.com/community) or [gary.s.hattem@db.com](mailto:gary.s.hattem@db.com)

**Historic preservation grants** Mass Historical Commission/\$300,000, 617-727-8470/[magnet.state.ma.us/sec/mhc](http://magnet.state.ma.us/sec/mhc).

**Pre-Development Assistance Program:** early-stage economic development projects in Mass., rolling deadlines, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, 800-445-8030

**Victorian-era buildings awards:** exteriors or interiors, public places, open spaces, etc.; Jack Grinold, 48 Greycliff Rd. Brighton MA 02135

**Architectural grants/fellowships/scholarships resources:** the Foundation Center Library/Associated Grantmakers of Mass., 617-426-2606

**Aga Khan Award:** \$500K in prizes, rolling deadlines, [akdn.org/agency/aktc\\_akaa.html](http://akdn.org/agency/aktc_akaa.html).

**American Architectural Foundation Richard Morris Hunt Fellowship, AIA-related fellowships/scholarships:** minorities/dlsadantaged individuals, professional degree candidates, health facilities design, research, etc., including the RTKL Traveling Fellowship; call 202-626-7511.

**Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship program:** annual AIA/AAF Scholarships, Mary Felber, 202-626-7511

**MHC Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund** grants, 2/13 deadline; [sec.ma.us/mhc](http://sec.ma.us/mhc) or 617-727-8470 for application and details

**NEA:** project grants; 202-682-5400

**Student competitions:** programs and deadlines vary; 202-626-7472 (AIA), 212-924-7000 (NIAE), 202-785-2324 x2 (ACSA/Wood Products Council), DuPont Benedictus Design Competition 202-628-0448 (ACSA)

**Fulbright grants:** for architects and urban planners, [lie.org/cies](http://lie.org/cies), 202-686-4000, or fax 202-362-3442.

**The MacDowell Colony:** residency for architects; seasonal deadlines; 603-924-3886, [macdowellcolony.org](http://macdowellcolony.org)

**Peace Corps:** assignments throughout world; rolling deadlines, [peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov)

**ArchitectureWeek Calendar:** online listing of design competitions, [architectureweek.com](http://architectureweek.com).

**Competitions magazine:** reports regularly on design competition results, call 502-451-3623 for a subscription.



## It is our time...our colleagues are on the way

*architects.org/2008*

**IN MAY 2008**, over 25,000 architects and allies from around the nation and the world are coming to Boston for the national AIA Convention. Now is the time—before this June—to shape the educational, professional, social, and sustainable message that will enrich the experience of our 2008 visitors.

This event, as we hope you know by now, is a wonderful opportunity for Boston to show its stuff and for all of us in the building industry to share our knowledge. The BSA planning committee led by Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott president Carole Wedge AIA,



Susan Hartnett



Carole Wedge AIA, LEED

LEED has received scores of suggestions for tours and other events designed to reintroduce our colleagues around the nation to the new Boston. To augment this list of ideas, go to *architects.org/2008* with your suggestions.

In addition, we have an opportunity now to propose workshops that shape the educational content offered to convention participants. For details on how you can propose a workshop, visit *architects.org/2008*. The deadline for proposals is imminent.

If you are interested in sponsoring any of several BSA programs held during the 2008 convention in Boston, call/write Susan Hartnett at 617-429-6564/*shartnett@architects.org*.

*Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA, President*

## Clients: can't live without them

Proposal deadline: May 1  
*architectureboston.com*

**ARCHITECTUREBOSTON's** November/December issue will examine the designer/client relationship. In significant ways clients drive the building industry. Clients are owners, users, consumers, the public; they may be for-profit, nonprofit, or

private entities.

Do you have thoughts about how clients influence design? Do you write? If you would like to suggest or write a story for this issue, send proposal ideas to editor Elizabeth S. Paden FAIA at *epadjen@architects.org* no later than **May 1**. This issue will be distributed at Build Boston 2007.

## Grants available to boost public design awareness

Deadline: August 6  
*bfragrants.org*

**THE BOSTON FOUNDATION** for Architecture has issued its 2007 request for applications. The BFA elicits proposals to elevate the public understanding of planning, design, and construction.

The application deadline is **August 6**. Schoolteachers, public- and private-school educators,

community groups, local/state-wide institutions, and other organizations and individuals with an interest in design-related public education are encouraged to apply. For application guidelines, visit *bfragrants.org* or call/write 617-951-1433 x221/*bfa@architects.org*.

*Peter Kuttner FAIA, Chair Boston Foundation for Architecture*

## Workshops/Conferences

**AIA National Convention:** May 3–5 in San Antonio; *aia.org*.

**CHAPA Resident Controlled Housing Conference:** April 8, Hyatt Regency Hotel Boston; call 617-742-0820.

**The National Preservation Institute:** several workshops and seminars, *npi.org/NewsRelease2007.pdf*

**Programs on Leadership for Senior Executives:** taking charge, managing time and people, strategy, etc.; various dates March–Dec.; *execseminars.com*, 781-239-1111 or *cmr@execseminars.com*

**International Urban Design Conference 2007:** Waves of Change—Cities at Crossroad theme, Sept. 6–8, Gold Coast City, Australia; *astmanagement.com.au/urbandesign7*

**Yesterday Design/Build School:** courses run Sept.–Mar., *yesterday.org*.

**MCPPO Certification** for School Project Designers and Owner Project Managers, 320-23; *mas.gov/ig* or *mcpo@maoig.net*

**Conway School of Landscape Design:** 413-369-4044 or *csld.edu*.

**Wentworth Institute of Technology:** professional and continuing studies programs, 617-442-9010 x446.

**Zoning clinics:** every Tues., 8 am–4 pm; Boston Plans and Zoning Unit (5th floor), 1010 Mass. Ave., 617-635-5300 x1300.

**IIDA New England programs:** Boston, Dianne Dunnell, 617-482-3232; Hartford/Springfield, Stevanie Demko, 860-659-1010 x2380; Portland/Portsmouth, Pam Napolitano, 207-671-4973

**Planning/Zoning Appeals Boards:** training sessions, Citizen Planner Training Collaborative, *umass.edu/masscptc*, 413-577-3642.

**Women's Educational and Industrial Union:** career services workshops and other services on job-hunting and career issues, 617-536-5657

**AutoCAD Certificate Program:** Wentworth Institute of Technology, 617-989-4309

**Jewish Vocational Service:** career, job-hunting and related workshops; 617-965-7940.

**Northeastern University:** Building Design and Management courses, 617-320-8000; Building/construction/architecture professional development programs, Dec.–March, 617-373-2400 or *ace.neu.edu/bca*.

**Real-estate management courses:** *irem.org*

**BU Program for Real-Estate Studies:** 617-353-3013.

## Exhibits/Lectures/Tours/Events

**BSA lecture series:** Sept.–May, *architects.org/lectureseries*

**SMPS Boston** ongoing marketing events; *smpsoston.org/events.php*

**Beyond the Beret: The Spirit of Dean Arcangelo Cascieri** exhibit at the BAC's McCormick Gallery through April 15; *the-bac.edu* for information

**MIT Museum:** The Architects Collaborative Collection, architecture e-galleries, *mit.edu/museum*

**Black Heritage Trail:** year-round, *nps.gov/boat/blackheritagetrail.htm*, 617-742-5415

**Trinity Church tours:** 617-536-0944.

**Museum of Science lecture series:** 617-589-0419.

**Norman B. Leventhal Map Center** at the Boston Public Library, *maps.bpl.org*

**Mount Auburn Cemetery:** 175th Anniversary events through September, *mountauburn.org* or 617-607-1995.

**Library of Congress:** Historic architectural drawings exhibit, 800-551-7328



**Each year the BSA**, often in collaboration with other organizations, sponsors awards programs to honor design excellence in Massachusetts, throughout New England and elsewhere. These programs receive significant attention from architects, design firms, and clients and provide excellent showcases for the work of all of the professionals who commit their talent and energy to successful projects. For more information, see below or visit [architects.org/awards](http://architects.org/awards).

## Design awards programs: upcoming deadlines

[architects.org/awards](http://architects.org/awards)

**K-12 FACILITIES DESIGN AWARDS** (co-sponsored by the AIA New York Chapter)—New England and NYC architects can submit work they have done throughout the world and architects elsewhere in the world can submit New England and NYC projects; **April 17 deadline**.

**John M. Clancy Award for Socially Responsible Housing** (sponsored by Goody Clancy and the BSA)—anyone may submit any public- or private-sector multi-family project anywhere in the US that provides shelter for low- and/or moderate-income residents; **April 24 deadline**.

**Higher Education Facilities** (co-sponsored by SCUP/New England)—NE architects may submit work they have done throughout the world and architects elsewhere in the world are invited to submit NE projects; **May 21 deadline**.

**Unbuilt Architecture** Architects, architectural educators and students throughout the world may submit theoretical or client-sponsored unbuilt projects; **June 25 deadline**.

**Honor Awards for Design Excellence** This is the annual BSA honor awards program (co-sponsored by Poole Professional Ltd. and DPIC); Massachusetts architects

may submit projects of any type located anywhere in the world and architects outside the state can submit projects built in Massachusetts; **July 9 deadline**.

**Juried Photo Exhibits at Build Boston** (sponsored by the BSA, BSLA, IIDA and ASID) All New England architects, landscape architects, and interior designers who are members of the four sponsoring organizations are eligible; **August 1 deadline**.

**Annual BSA Research Grants in Architecture** **September 17 deadline**; [architects.org/grants](http://architects.org/grants) for details.

## Massachusetts design schools seek jurors

[njenner@architects.org](mailto:njenner@architects.org)

**THE SIX ACCREDITED SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE** in Massachusetts seek practitioners interested in serving as student reviewers and jurors. If you are interested in participating as a visiting juror, send your name, firm, contact information, and a sentence or two about your teaching/mentoring experience to [njenner@architects.org](mailto:njenner@architects.org). We will compile a list of interested practitioners and share it with representatives of MIT, Harvard, UMass Amherst, Wentworth, Northeastern, and the Boston Architectural College.

**Boston By Foot** walking tours of Beacon Hill, Boston By Little Feet, Boston Underfoot, Freedom Trail, Literary Landmarks, North End, Victorian Back Bay, and tours of the month; [bostonbyfoot.com](http://bostonbyfoot.com), 617-367-2345

**Historic New England:** year-round tours and programs, online photographic Gropius House tour, [historicnewengland.org](http://historicnewengland.org), 617-227-3956

**Boston's architectural history:** two slide-lectures available to rent with speaker, "The Four Shapes of Boston: 1630 to the Present" and "The Reshaping of Boston: The Contemporary City"; 617-267-2345.

**Art and architecture tours of the BPL:** 617-536-4000 x212.

**Moakley Courthouse public tours:** first Tues. of month at 1:00 pm, call Rebecca Ulanoff at 617-748-9633; docent volunteers needed for "Discovering Justice" tour program, call 617-748-9633

## Community/ Professional Opportunities

**Learning By Design:** BSA partnership with school-based programs, architects encouraged to call/write Jan Ham at [lbd@architects.org](mailto:lbd@architects.org)/617-951-1433 x227.

**Co-op partnerships** for Boston-area architecture firms with Northeastern's accredited architecture program; architecture students in the undergraduate program are available for paid, full-time work throughout the year. Write/call Lynn Burke at [l.burke@neu.edu](mailto:l.burke@neu.edu)/617-373-3462.

**Co-op student placements** provided by Wentworth Institute of Technology for Boston-area design firms, write/call Rachel Levine at [leviner@wit.edu](mailto:leviner@wit.edu)/617-989-4101.

**Engineering Center Leadership Dinner:** May 2, Four Seasons Hotel Boston; [engineers.org](http://engineers.org) or 617-439-7700.

**North Bennet Street School** winter/spring 2007 crafts workshops on bookbinding, woodworking, jewelry, etc.; [nbss.org](http://nbss.org) or 617-227-0155.

**The BAC is seeking teachers/practitioners** in decorative arts, wood-frame construction, mechanical/electrical systems, materials, methods and contract documents, structures, call 617-262-5000.

**Boston Learning Society:** design professionals sought for seminars in Needham, 781-453-9800

**The Boston Museum of Science** seeks professionals to teach problem-solving, computer applications, interdisciplinary topics, and other courses, call Brent Jackson at 617-589-0364.

**US/ICOMOS call for abstracts** on culture, conservation, and economics as related to heritage tourism within the Pacific Rim for symposium; [icomos.org](http://icomos.org)/ [usicomos](mailto:usicomos) or [don.jones@usicomos.org](mailto:don.jones@usicomos.org)

**Be an expert witness.** The BSA occasionally receives requests for architects to serve as "expert witnesses" in courtroom trials and other venues. To be added to the list of architects the BSA provides to those seeking such consultants, send your name, firm name if appropriate, postal address, email address, and daytime telephone number to [bsa@architects.org](mailto:bsa@architects.org).

**Wentworth's department of architecture** seeks part-time faculty in building technologies, foundation design studies, and upper-level design studios, call John Ellis at 617-989-4458; Wentworth's interior design program seeking architects and interior designers for end-of-semester student design reviews (adjunct teaching positions often available in studio and technical courses), call Herb Fremin at 617-989-4051.

**SMPS Boston:** Golf outing, May 11, Blissful Meadows Country Club; [smps.boston.org](http://smps.boston.org)

# These streets were made for walking

Lectures begin: April 14  
Docent exam: May 19  
[bostonbyfoot.com](http://bostonbyfoot.com)

**IF YOU LOVE BOSTON AND YOU LOVE DESIGN**, it is time to lace up your walking shoes and lend your skills as a volunteer guide to Boston By Foot.

Thousands of residents and tourists every year learn about Boston and its architecture through Boston By Foot's guided tours, led by architects, architectural historians, educators, and a broad range of Bostonians in love with the city and with design.

Boston By Foot guides are trained in a five-part lecture series beginning on **April 14**. The first lecture focuses on colonial Boston. Subsequent sessions explore the evolution of the city through its federal (**April 21**), Victorian (**April 28**), contemporary (**May 5**) and even subterranean (**May 12**) stages. The final exam for prospective docents is **May 19**.

For details on serving as a guide or to learn more about Boston By Foot, including upcoming tours and events, visit [bostonbyfoot.com](http://bostonbyfoot.com) or call 617-367-2345.



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**The Essex County Forum** ([essexcountyforum.org](http://essexcountyforum.org)) is creating a guidebook that documents good examples of smart growth initiatives in Essex County. Represented projects include the adoption of smart growth by-laws and efforts to preserve historic landscapes or buildings identified in the recent Historic Landscape Inventory. To recommend a project (must be in Essex County), call/write Susan Jones Moses at 978-948-3713/[susanjmoses@comcast.net](mailto:susanjmoses@comcast.net).

## Publication Opportunities

**ArchitectureBoston**, the BSA bimonthly magazine for editorial and advertising requirements, call/write Pamela DeAlveira Smith at 617-511-1433 x240/[psmith@architects.org](mailto:psmith@architects.org)

The **Hardwood Manufacturers Association** is seeking professional photographers showing the use of solid US hardwood in furniture, flooring, kitchen cabinets, or decorative woodworking for publications. Call Susan Reagan at 800-373-WOOD

**Boston Globe** architecture critic Robert Campbell FAIA wants to hear from BSA members about new architecture landscape, urban design, controversy, and other news; write Campbell at [camglobe@aol.com](mailto:camglobe@aol.com) or 34 Anturist Cambridge 02139-1102

Members are invited to submit home designs for a **book on "extraordinary homes"** with focus on built-in conveniences, write/call Carol Abrahamson [carol@stockdocs.com](mailto:carol@stockdocs.com)/928-284-5753

**North Shore BSA** members story ideas can be sent to John Rockwell AIA, the Salem News architecture columnist at [johnrockwell@comcast.net](mailto:johnrockwell@comcast.net)

Michelle Hillman covers commercial real estate, architecture and construction for the **Boston Business Journal** and she's interested in hearing from you. If you have ideas for stories, news tips or information about design trends, please call or e-mail Michelle at 617-316-3220 or [mhillman@bizjournals.com](mailto:mhillman@bizjournals.com)

**American Soul in Architecture** is a book on African-American architects in the late 20th century. Author Louis Smith is also writing on cultural influences in residential design and is interested in projects for possible publication in either book or details write [lpsmith@asce-stdesign.com](mailto:lpsmith@asce-stdesign.com)

**Seaside cottages** and new American or traditional cabins architecture examples sought for Rizzoli book, also information on single family residential island architecture in US or Canada for another book write Linda Leigh Paul [media@pas.com](mailto:media@pas.com)

**Places**, the quarterly journal edited by Donlyn Lyndon, invites submissions of articles related to sustainable design; [placesjournal.org](http://placesjournal.org) for details.

**New England Home** magazine invites you to submit photographs of completed projects, for details write/call Stacy Kunstel at [skunstel@nenomemag.com](mailto:skunstel@nenomemag.com)/800-600-5154 x707

**The Classicist**, journal of the Institute for the Study of Classical Architecture, seeks papers, examples of work done in the Classical manner, 212-681-2761

**idiotEXT** design journal invites BSA members to submit competition projects for publication call Jordan Williams at 617-482-6958

**Banker & Tradesman** architecture critic Jeff Stein AIA welcomes story ideas at [jeff.stein@theboc.edu](mailto:jeff.stein@theboc.edu). Banker & Tradesman seeks BSA members to write technical, informational, trend, and opinion articles, call/write Tim DeFeo at 781-643-1721/[timdefeo@yahoo.com](mailto:timdefeo@yahoo.com)

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design competition and was named 2006 Project of the Year in the low-rise residential category by *Multi-Family Executive* magazine. These honors stand among many already bestowed on this housing project.

**The Architectural Team** has hired Scott Maenpaa and Zeljka Pavlinovic

**The Design Initiative** celebrates its 10th anniversary and recognizes Stephen Rose LEED AP for his five years of service. The firm was founded by **Mary-Ann Agresti AIA** in 1997

**ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge's** Nancy Cottone and Cathy Michalwicz recently became LEED-accredited professionals.

**MDS/Miller Dyer Spears** welcomes **Troy Leonard AIA**, R. Drew Sondles, Brian Ericsson, Reade Kontje Milne, and Gaia Grazia Guidicelli to its architecture team. Jane Slade Moran joined the Interior Design Studio and Molly Moore recently joined as marketing manager.

**BKA Architects** project manager John Comeau (8) has passed the ARE

**R E Dinneen Architects & Planners** recently welcomed design director of interiors Michael Fior NCIDQ, IIDA, LEED and senior project architect **Jennifer Pearson AIA**

**Mark Kalin FAIA, FCSI, LEED** of Kalin Associates wrote the chapter on Specifying Green Products and Materials in the new second edition of *Green Building: Project Planning and Cost Estimating*, published by RS Means.

## People and Firms

In recent issues of *The Boston Globe*, **Robert Campbell FAIA** writes on efforts to preserve H.H. Richardson's home in Brookline, Douglas Dolezal's design of residences at 424 Mass. Ave. in Boston, and the continuing controversy over private uses of public spaces such as Rowes Wharf's "outside kitchen" facing the harbor

Other recent issues of *The Globe* highlighted the **Gund Partnership's** design of the new Newton North High School and published BSA president **Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA's** letter on the controversy surrounding the mosque proposed for Roxbury

**Moskow Architects'** design of "green" homes was recently featured in *The Boston Globe Magazine*

In a letter published in the 2/07 issue of *Architectural Record*, **Frank Riepe AIA** writes on the search for harmony in/with nature

**Banker & Tradesman** architecture critic **Jeff Stein AIA** recently wrote about the growing practice of "offshoring" work such as CAD drafting and rendering and the possible consequences of this practice

**Polhemus Savery DaSilva Architects** recently welcomed project architect **Anthi Frangiadias AIA, LEED AP (1)** and Eric Menz to the architectural team and Deborah Guay and Barbara Humphrey have joined the accounting department

**Integrated Design Group** recently welcomed architects Peter Norris RA (2) and Susan Lockyer RA (3)

**KlingStubbins** welcomed interior designer Valerie Curtis, David LaCount RA, Walter Milano, **Wen-hung Chen, Assoc. AIA** and **David Miles AIA, LEED AP (4)**. The firm has promoted Rayford

**Law AIA, LEED AP**, Eric Ferret, Sarah Springer IIDA, IFMA, LEED, Roy Pedersen, **Michael Giardina AIA**, and **Christopher Leary AIA, LEED AP** to principals **William Boral AIA**, John Martell, Hal Spiers LEED AP, and Hannah Kolton were promoted to associates. **Scott Simpson FAIA** spoke on contemporary practice issues at Yale School of Art & Architecture and at the Design Futures Council seminar; **Law** spoke at the American Library Association's mid-winter meeting in Seattle. At the Lab Automation conference in California, Ferret spoke about the lab of the future

while at the ISPE conference in Berlin he addresses innovation in lab design. In a poll conducted by the AIA and Harris Interactive, Hugh Stubbins' Citicorp Center in New York ranked 125 out of America's 150 favorite buildings

**DiMella Shaffer** has promoted **Don Klema AIA (5)** to associate principal; **Alex Adkins AIA (6)** and **Alberto Cabre AIA (7)** to senior associates; and Jeff Crocker, **Sin Hew AIA**, Kris Knight, and **Jim Loman AIA** to associates. The firm's design of Loft23 won a Grand Award for Multifamily Housing in *Residential Architect* magazine's eighth annual



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Kaestle Boos has named **Dan Tavares AIA, CSI, CDT (9)** a principal; he was previously a senior associate at the firm

**Paul J. Donnelly FAIA, PE, LEED AP (10)** has been recognized as ACSA Distinguished Professor for sustained creative achievement in the advancement of architectural education; he currently holds the Rebecca and John Voyles Chair in Architecture at Washington University where he is co-director of the Graduate Program in Architecture. He is a vice president at HOK in St. Louis.

**ICON architecture** has promoted **Michelle Apigian AIA, LEED AP (11)** to associate and D'lynne Plummer to marketing manager. **Nancy Ludwig AIA, Michelle Waldon AIA, Kevin O'Neil, Janis Mamayek AIA, Michelle Apigian AIA**, and Jennifer Helenek recently became LEED APs.

**Steffian Bradley Architects** celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. Established in 1932, the firm continues to expand its offices in Boston, London, Guangzhou and Barcelona, serving healthcare, academic, residential and corporate clients. The firm has promoted **Kevin Neumann AIA (12)** and Michael Bennett (13) to principals and its affiliate, Sterling Planning Alliance, has promoted Abby Flam (14) to stockholder and **Dennis Laidlaw AIA (15)** to principal.

**C&R / Rizvi** has promoted **Deacon Marvel AIA (16)** and **Robert Rink AIA (17)** to firm principals.

Steven Habeeb, president of **Habeeb & Associates Architects**, recently welcomed architect Melanie Brothers (18) and office administrator Nancy Gill

**TRO Jung|Brannen** has promoted Mario Vieira and Todd Stubbs to principals. Glenn Allen LEED AP, Kelly Bliss, Richard Coe, **Rich Curtiss AIA**, Matt Dunn, Allison Faecher, Paul Kondrat PE, Chris Lockery, and Brian McKenna were named senior associates; David Bourassa, Keith Garratt PE, David Huang, Heather Santos, IIDA, Tom Susko and David Wolkowicz have been named associates

**Audrey O'Hagan AIA (19)** recently founded Audrey O'Hagan Architects, an architecture, planning, and interior design firm in Newton. The firm's website is [ohaganarchitects.com](http://ohaganarchitects.com).

**Stern McCafferty's** design of a Beacon Hill residence was featured recently in *Metropolitan Home*.

**Goody Clancy's David Grissino, Assoc. AIA** recently became the co-chair of the BSA's Membership Committee and was appointed to the Prudential Projects Advisory Committee (PrUPAC). This is his third term as chair of the Wellesley Design Review Board. Firm principal

**Geoff Wooding AIA** served as a juror for the Turner Prize for Innovation and Leadership in Affordable Housing; Susan Hollister and Lisa Howe hosted a recent APTNE Ironwork Workshop at Hammersmith Studios; Jill Verhosek is attending The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. Principal **Jean Carroon AIA** spoke at the Denver Preservation Conference and served as keynote speaker for the Rhode Island Preservation Conference. Her work on Trinity Church was recently featured in an EBN article on green preservation.

**Ellenzweig Associates** has promoted **Neil Cahalane AIA, Stephen Mahler AIA, LEED AP**, and **Dominick Roveto AIA** to principals, **Shirine Boulos AIA, LEED AP** and **Peter Pogorski AIA, LEED AP** to associate principals, and chief financial officer Kara Dunne to senior associate. **Matthew Ali AIA** and manager of human resources Kate Perez recently



became associates and Sarah Cordner was promoted to marketing manager. Senior associate **Catherine Hunt** became a member of the South End Landmark District Commission; principal **Janet Ross AIA, LEED AP, Shirine Boulos AIA, LEED AP**, and Vanderweil's David Pinto PE spoke about adapting non-science buildings into research facilities at April's Turnkey Conference in Boston; and **Ross** and **Miltos Catomeris AIA** will speak on "Assessing Construction Costs for Successful Project Delivery" at the Tradeline Research Buildings conference in May.

**Arrowstreet** welcomes **Chad Lundeen AIA, LEED AP, Marianna Monfeld AIA, LEED AP**, and Ryan McDermott to the firm. Associate principal **Fred Warren AIA** and project designer **Avi Shoss AIA** have become LEED-accredited. The firm received the 2006 Metalmag Architectural Award in the Wall Panels category for NSTAR's Kendall Square electrical substation in Cambridge

**Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architecture & Engineering** has received a 2006 Honor Award for the Unified Science Center at Hamilton College and a 2006 Merit Award for Interprint International Corporate Headquarters and Manufacturing Facility from the Eastern New York AIA Chapter.

## New Work

**Leers Weinzapfel's** recent/new work includes a schematic design study for the new Jackson Square Youth and Family Center in Jamaica Plain, the new US Courthouse in Orlando FL, the Roslindale Community Center, the Harvard University New College Theatre (formerly the Hasty Pudding Theatre), and the Global Education Center at UNC Chapel Hill.

**William Rawn Associates'** new projects include a new library with a 200-seat recital hall for the City of Aventura FL and a new Performing Arts and Humanities Facility for the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

**ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge's** new work includes masterplanning for a new upper school for Greenwich Country Day School in CT.

**Flansburgh Architects** is developing a masterplan for all of the school facilities, including the high school, middle school, and five elementary schools for the Town of Winchester.

**CBT's** new work include the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's new building project, which will preserve and protect the historic integrity of the Museum while providing much-needed space for visitor services, administrative needs, and programming

**DiMella Shaffer's** new and recent work includes design services for the expansion of the Fens Dining Facility at Simmons College, a concept/feasibility study for the conversion of a portion of the Sackler Building into a new student center at Tufts University, and design services for the renovation of geology/geophysics laboratory classrooms in Devlin Hall at Boston College.

**Ellenzweig's** new work includes design and laboratory planning for the new College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University's Grand Rapids campus with URS Corporation

**Integrated Design Group's** new work includes designing the L.L. Bean New Operations Center in Freeport ME, and three critical facilities for Digital Realty Trust in Philadelphia, Lithia Springs GA, and Carolton TX

**designLAB architects'** new and recent work includes the new music department building at Muskingum College in Ohio, planning and design of a performing arts education facility in the former Bethlehem Steel Works in PA with the Rockwell Group, planning for the restoration of Pittsburgh's New Granada Theater and Savoy Ballroom, design of a 10,000-sf house on the Long Island Sound in Greenwich CT, and the new Arkell Art Center museum in upstate New York with Stephen Stimson Associates.

**Perry Dean Rogers | Partners Architects'** new work includes the library modernization project, which involves updating the existing Hurley Library for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzard's Bay.

**Goody Clancy's** new work includes the schematic design for an historic residence hall project at the University of Michigan

**The Architectural Team's** current work includes Repton Place, a 385-unit condominium community now under construction in Watertown, and The Schoolhouse at Lower Mills, a new condominium community in Dorchester Lower Mills that includes the renovation of a former schoolhouse and new construction.

**MDS/Miller Dyer Spears'** new work includes the renovation of the administration building at Worcester State College for the Mass DCAM

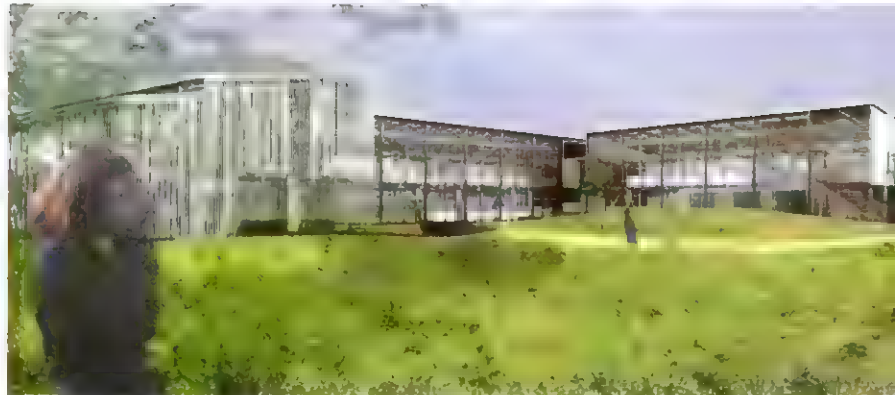
### Ralph Thomas LeBeau

Architect Ralph Thomas LeBeau of Milton passed away in December. LeBeau grew up in Roxbury and graduated from Boston Technical High School in 1962. In 1967 received his architecture degree from Hampton University and later studied urban development and planning. From 1970-78 he served as an administrator and planning officer for the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Following that, he worked as a sole proprietor specializing in designing local churches.





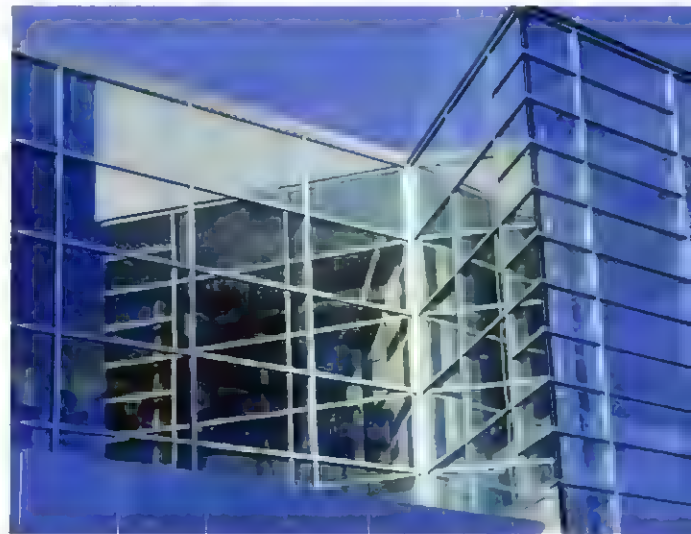
**Margulies & Associates** (with significant contributions from Trickett Woodworks) won an Award of Excellence from the Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) for the design of an office suite for a Boston-based asset management firm. Credit: Warren Patterson.



**designLAB's** design for the International Fund for Animal Welfare's world headquarters in Yarmouthport was featured in the January issue of *Cape Cod Magazine*. The firm has relocated to 711 Atlantic Avenue in Boston 02111. Rendering: designLAB architects.



**Donham & Sweeney's** new work includes transforming the 45-year old church and parish facilities for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Foxborough, including a sanctuary, the narthex, and the Fellowship Hall. Illustration: Terry Cracknell.



**R+K Architects'** recent work includes a 120,000-sf renovation for Aspect Medical Systems in Norwood, which includes office, research and development, and manufacturing space for the medical device manufacturer. Photo: Brian Jenkins.

## Corporate Affiliate News

*Building Design+Construction* magazine recently added Jeffrey A. Gouveia, EVP and general manager, **Suffolk Construction Company**, and Frank Hayes, institutional group VP, **Shawmut Design and Construction** to its list of top "40 Under 40" winners

Richard McGuinness recently joined **J. Calnan & Associates** as a safety officer. The firm's new work includes construction management for Monarch-on-the-Merrimack, a green mixed-use/ multi-unit development that involves conversion of the former Lawrence Wood Mill

Client executive **Joe Naughton, Assoc. AIA, LEED (20)** has joined **Linbeck**, the firm also promoted Dennis Ingram, LEED (21) to client executive

**Nitsch Engineering's** Joshua Alston PE and William R. Maher PE were promoted to project managers. Vice president of civil engineering Gary Pease PE (22) recently became a LEED-accredited professional. The firm is providing sustainable stormwater management strategies for Yale University's Forestry and Environmental Studies Building as a consultant to Centerbrook Architects and the Hopkins Architects team

**Consigli Construction** recently welcomed project executive James Hervol PE (23) and promoted Jeffrey D. Navin (24) from project manager to project executive

**Richard White Sons'** recent and new work includes phase II renovation of New Bedford Whaling Museum's Bourne Building with Solomon Bauer + Associates, new boiler expansion for Astra Zeneca's Westborough Facility with BR + A Engineers, athletic fields reconstruction for St. Sebastian's School with Geller Sport, and Wyeth Research's Compact T Laboratory renovation and Vivarium BL2 laboratory renovations and AV conference room upgrades with R E Dinneen Architects

**Dimeo Construction's** new and recent work includes office renovations for FM Global Headquarters and CIGNA in Bloomfield CT; renovations to Calhoun College Residence Hall with architect Herbert S. Newman & Partners and renovation of Trumbull College Residence Hall with Goody Clancy, both at Yale University; Narragansett Park Administration Building for Hasbro with Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype; a new residence hall at Bryant University with ADD Inc; phase III renovations to Cumberland High School in RI with Kaestle Boos Associates; inpatient tower expansion for South County Hospital with CWDG; new student residences at UMass-Amherst with ARC, the TD Banknorth Sports Center at Quinpiac

**CBT/Childs Bertman Tseckares** received the 2006 ULI Global Awards for Excellence for the Prudential Center Redevelopment, which added 867,000-sf of office and 149,000-sf of retail and residential space, plus parking. Photo: Jonathan Hillyer.



**Polhemus Savery DaSilva Architects' "House at Popponessett"** won *The Boston Globe Magazine's* Home of the Year contest. Photo: Brian Vanden Brink.



**ADD Inc's** Branding Iron group won the Gold Award at the annual National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Gala for Best Logo in the country for residential property. The firm has purchased 311 Summer Street (above) in the Boston Wharf district and plans to move its headquarters there from Cambridge in 2008. Photo/rendering: ADD Inc.

University with Centerbrook Architects & Planners; the Burton Football Complex and Shenkman Training Center at UConn with Jeter Cook & Jepson/HOK; a weighing and sample laboratory at Pfizer in Groton CT with Flad & Associates, and phase III and IV of Maverick Gardens residential development with ICON architecture

**Arup's** recent and new work includes providing structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection daylighting and electrical lighting engineering services for the new Institute of Contemporary Art, and designing for LEED-certification the Fall River Courthouse, Yale Health Sciences Center, and Carnegie Mellon Computer Science Building

**Geller DeVellis'** new and current work includes site design and landscape architectural services for The Cook Estate Residential Development in Cohasset for Abbott Development; landscape architectural and civil engineering services for the Meadow Walk development, masterplanning for Roger Williams University in Bristol RI with Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, site design for the Greenwich Country Day School in Connecticut with ARC, and consulting services for the new Israel Professional Baseball League (Geller Sport). Landscape architect Caroline Havey has joined the firm. Tim Power recently passed his professional engineering test

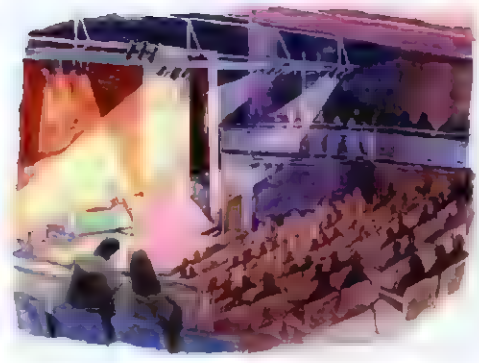
**Jones Lang LaSalle's** recent and current work includes tenant improvement for VMware in Cambridge, CYTYC in Marlboro, WilmerHale (19th floor) Boston, Mutual of America and Highland March in Westborough, EMD Serono in Rockland, Fireman's Fund, URS and Property Portfolio Research at 260 Franklin Street in Boston, renovations of HLM Ventures offices in Boston, Kodiak office expansion and PerkinElmer, both in Waltham, Boston Ventures in Boston, and McCarter & English in Boston. Donald Mason, Assoc. AIA; Anne Donnelly Peck; Jennifer Cronan; and Tim Stoll recently received LEED accreditation

**Vanasse Hangen Brustlin's** new work includes masterplanning for Boston College (Article 80) with Sasaki for the Boston Redevelopment Authority, traffic and civil engineering services for Wesleyan University's Science Center with Payette, the North Main Economic Development Strategy Area Project with the City of Worcester to guide future land development and identify new prospects for economic growth in the city, and civil engineering, permitting and landscape design services on Patriot Place, a 1.35 million square foot mixed-use development adjacent to Gillette Stadium in Foxboro





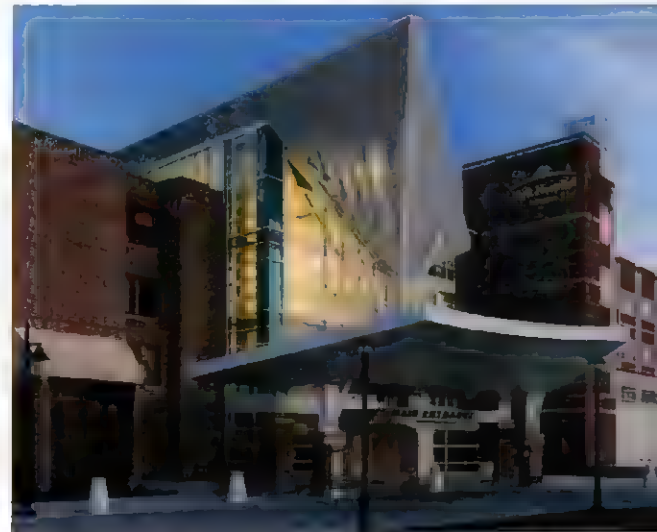
**Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architecture & Engineering's** new work includes a new Technology Building at Rockland Community College (above), a campus master-plan at Roger Williams University in Bristol RI, and schematic design services for the reuse/renovation of WPI's Goddard Hall. Photo: Woodruff Brown Architectural Photography.



**Chapman Construction/Design** expects to complete its work on the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre Courtyard by June. Watercolor: Platt Anderson Freeman Architects.



**Maugel Architects'** recent and new work includes the design of Dr. Ingrid Balcomb's offices at Emerson Hospital in Concord (above), storefront improvements for the Town of Ayer, Cambridge Street Housing and Beacon Village renovations in Burlington, and a new St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Upton. Photo: Maugel Architects.



**TRO Jung|Brannen's** recent new work includes planning and design of the new 326,700-sf patient care tower for York Hospital in York PA. Photo: Gary Kessel.

**Midland Construction's** recent and current work includes a multi-floor design/build tenant fit-out project for SEU with McMahon Architects and a tenant improvement project for Enernoc Inc. with Sherman Group.

**Commodore Builders** has promoted Lauren Carson to vice president of organizational development. The firm recently welcomed Mark Mecagni, Chet Braun, and Chris Giunta as assistant project managers. Chris Giunta recently became certified as a project engineer and Andy Fraser was named a management trustee in the New England Regional Council of Carpenters. The firm's new and recent projects include the new gorilla exhibit at the Franklin Park Zoo (Perkins & Will) renovations

to the Boston Opera House (Finegold Alexander + Associates), renovations for Independence Investments (Elkus/Manfredi Architects), renovations for Acadian Asset Management at 260 Franklin Street (Gensler and RDK Engineers), renovations for McCall and Almy at One Post Office Square (Black Cow Architects), renovations for Boston Consulting Group at 53 State Street (Elkus/Manfredi Architects), a 67,000-sf fit-up for Equall Logic in Nashua NH (Lincoln Architects), renovations to Percivia's laboratory space in Cambridge MA (Olson Lewis & Dioli Architects), and lobby and office renovations for the Boston Society of Architects. Stern McCafferty and Marquies & Associates

**Lee Kennedy Company's** recent and current work includes preconstruction and construction services for the refurbishment of Hadley Apartments in Worcester with Fine Associates, office fit-up (8th and 9th floors) at One International Place for Edison Mission Marketing and Trading with Visnick & Caulfield Associates, and multiple build outs for investors Bank and Trust at 1 Copley Place and in Toronto, Canada, with Bargmann Hendrie + Architects. John F. Dion, client development, has joined the company. Project manager Pam Bailey has been elected to the Board of Directors for Preservation Mass. Superintendent Chick Milford became a LEED AP. The firm promoted the following individuals: Craig Garland

to vice president, corporate interiors, Eugene Kennedy to vice president business development, Robert O'Leary to vice president, academic/institutional, and Chris Pennie to vice president, construction.

**Daniel O'Connell's Sons'** current work includes construction of the US Federal Courthouse in Springfield designed by Moshe Safdie & Associates.

**Environments at Work** has completed the installation of all new office furniture for EPIX Pharmaceuticals, updating and improving workspace for the firm.





**R.W. Sullivan Engineering's** recent projects include BWA Nuclear Medicine CT suite study with New England Medical Design; Children's Hospital Boston Lexington EEG with Martin Batt Associates; Becker College residence hall with Steffian Bradley Architects; JCHE Shilman House and Simmons College dining facility with DiMella Shaffer Associates; Fribble Hospital vascular lab with SBRA; Northeastern University Smith Hall with Bergmeyer Associates; Marino Center lobby renovations with Buckley & Associates; Boston College McGuinn Hall psych lab with Beacon Architectural Associates; UMass Amherst temporary animal facility with Spagnolo/Gisness Associates; Partners Healthcare computer room at 1 Constitution Plaza; Citibank at 99 High Street with **Jones Lang LaSalle**; Aurora Flight Sciences with Baker Design Group; John Hancock Tower retail study with Elkus/Manfredi Architects; Congregation Shaarei Tefillah with Solomon + Bauer Architects; MIT W45 garage with Simpson Gumpertz & Heger; Fidelity in Albuquerque NM with Gensler Architecture; USM Library Osher Max with Koetter Kim & Associates; and Wheelock College Campus Center with William Rawn Associates.

**Structure Tone's** new and recent projects includes a 50,000-sf project at 22 Boston Wharf Road and 374 Congress Street for TRO Jung/Brannen; a 38,000-sf project at 185 Franklin Street for Verizon; One Federal Street for Leerink Swann & Company; One International Place for UBS-Tisbury Capital; a 53 State Street for Alliance Bernstein; 800 Boylston Street for Citigroup Training Center; a 11,000-sf project at 131 Dartmouth Street for AIR Worldwide; 22,000 square foot project at 60 State Street for Pioneer Investments; a generator installation project at One, Two, and Three Center Plaza for Equity Office Properties; a 30,000-sf project at 225 Franklin Street in Commonwealth Automotive Reinsurers; alterations of an outpatient surgery clinic and a renovation of the Orthopedic Clinic at Whidden Hospital; a 1,000-sf Pharmacy

Modification project at Somerville Hospital; an infrastructure project for the MIT Real Estate Group and a project for Sloane School of Business, both at One Broadway in Cambridge.

**CORRECTION:** Last month, the Chapter-Letter incorrectly credited Dongik Lee's skillful rendering of the Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Dorchester, designed by **The Architectural Team**, to **VHB/Vanasse Hangen Brustlin**. (VHB led the project's permitting process and provided civil engineering services.) We regret the error.

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# BSA Housing Committee tackles tough tasks

**I**n an effort to highlight the important work of the wide range of our BSA committees and task forces, the *ChapterLetter* periodically focuses on a group who is doing great work. If you are interested in drawing attention to the activities of your committee's activities, write editor Melissa Salce at [msalce@architects.org](mailto:msalce@architects.org).

The main objective of the Housing Committee is to address central housing and urban design issues by looking at these issues from a public policy standpoint as well as a design and construction point of view. Working with the key public agencies helps reinforce the importance of housing to the profession and reiterates the profession's critical participation in housing policy development and implementation. The Committee's advocacy work has included hands-on design studies of ways to take advantage of underused sites in Boston and sponsoring a conference on housing issues at Build Boston.

The Committee's monthly meetings, held the third Friday of the month at 8:30 am at The Architects Building, provide a forum for exchanging ideas on housing and how to design better communities. Meetings held over the past several months have focused on smart design issues ranging from the future growth of Boston to methods of visualizing density, green housing design, and addressing the new housing market in Boston.

## EXAMINING BOSTON'S GROWTH: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

At one recent committee meeting, Amy Cotter, director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), presented "Current Trends and Emerging Alternatives for Greater Boston." The MAPC is a regional planning agency that represents the 101 cities and towns in the metropolitan Boston area. Cotter explained that MAPC examines at where and how metro Boston is growing, what mix of housing types should be built in particular areas, and what types of commercial and industrial development the region should be building. According to MAPC's estimations, metro Boston is expected to grow by about 450,000 residents by 2030, adding approximately 10.8% to the current residential base.

Another recent meeting focused on American cultural landscapes, with a discussion by widely-published photographer Alexander MacLean, who has documented changes in land use over the past 25 years through aerial photography. MacLean addressed "what density is" before presenting photographic examples of changing density patterns and population growth. His photos demonstrate that greater Boston has developed within the first-ring suburbs extending out to Route 128 and is still automobile-dependent. In contrast, a view of one such suburb, downtown Natick, offered good examples of mixed residential and commercial use.\*

## IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

Barbra Batshalom, the founder and executive director of the Green Roundtable, spoke at our first meeting of this year. Batshalom explained that The Green Roundtable (along with NEXUS and Green

Building Northeast) regards policy, education, and technology as essential to achieving long-term conservation and sustainability. In that vein, Batshalom discussed improvements to existing energy codes in the form of "add-ons" with economic objectives to lower first costs and operating costs.

Batshalom introduced the group to the Nexus Green Building Resource Center at 39 Chauncy Street in Boston, which is free and open to the public. Nexus features a large exhibit of sustainable products and a database of architects and contractors certified and qualified to advise and complete sustainable goals, materials from regional sources, and additional planned resources intended to speed universal acceptance of green design.

At our February meeting, Nickie Alani AIA, senior associate planner at ADD Inc, discussed "what's hot, what's not" in multi-family housing. Alani detailed the four key factors that impact the multi-family housing market: market review, branding, amenities, and units. She noted that greater Boston is currently a target area for high-rise housing units, few of which existed before the 1990s, and that amenities are big selling points in the present market.

## LOOKING AHEAD

On April 20, State Representative Kevin Honan and Boston City Councilor Sam Yoon join us to speak about new housing initiatives in Boston and the Commonwealth and offer an inside look at what key decision-makers think about plans for the Seaport district, the Mass Pike air rights initiatives, and Harvard's new plans for Allston. Kevin Honan serves as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' House of Representatives Housing Committee chair and Sam Yoon, the city's first Asian-American city councilor, serves in a similar capacity on the Boston City Council. Yoon also works as a developer. Like all BSA committee meetings, this lively discussion is open to all members and nonmembers.

Next month, architect Paul Lukez AIA joins the meeting, while in June an invited community planner speaks on a new co-housing project in Roslindale. The committee-sponsored "housing" track for Build Boston 2007 is being organized around the theme of "Solving the Housing Puzzle: Strategies for dealing with Massachusetts's affordable housing crisis." Scheduled presenters include public officials, experts in housing design, economists, and builders, who will explore housing from a multi-disciplinary approach.

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*Ed. note: Watch for the September/October "Hopkinton" issue of ArchitectureBoston for an in-depth examination of suburban planning.*